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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF HK VN

SUBJ: PANAM REFUGEE FLIGHT

REF: A) KIRKPATRICK/GALLAGHER TELECON WITH CROSS 4-24

B) HONG KONG 4418

1. SUDDEN CANCELLATION OF PANAM FLIGHT GIVES US AT LEAST UNTIL TOMORROW TO WORK OUT SOMETHING TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM WHICH I SUSPECT WILL COME UP IN VARIOUS FORMS DURING NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. FURTHER TO REF A, WHAT WE NEED IS SOME POLICY STATEMENT ON HANDLING OF UNDOCUMENTED VIETNAMESE REGUEES ARRIVING ON AMERICAN AIRLINES OR ANY OTHER WAY WHICH WE CAN USE TO ASSURE BRITISH THAT REFUGEES WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE ON QUICKLY TO US OR OTHER AREAS (BY QUICKLY, BRITISH SEEM TO MEAN ONE OR TWO DAYS AT MOST).

3. WE ARE CLEAR THAT THOSE VIETNAMESE ON MAC CHARTERED  
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FLIGHTS WILL HAVE THOSE GUARANTEES, AND IF ANY SUCH FLIGHTS

COME HERE WE WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE. HOWEVER, UNLESS WE HAVE  
SOME FORM OF BLANKET AUTHORIZATION GIVING US ENOUGH FLEXIBILITY  
TO ASSURE BRITISH THAT THEY WILL NOT BE STUCK WITH WHAT MIGHT  
BE CALLED "PRIVATE" OR NON-USG-SPONSORED REFUGEES, WE  
SHOULD HAVE IN HAND CLEARCUT ADVICE AS TO ALTERNATIVE LANDING  
POINTS AND PROCEDURES TO GIVE THE MANY AMERICAN COMPANIES  
WHO ARE BESEIGING US WITH PLEAS FOR ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING  
OUT THEIR EMPLOYEES AND OTHER VIETNAMESE. BRITISH FOR THIER  
PART ARE TELLING ANY AMERICANS WHO INQUIRE THAT THEY MUST  
HAVE CONGEN ASSURANCES OF KIND DESCRIBED ABOVE BEFORE ANY  
VIETNAMESE WILL BE ADMITTED AND IN LIGHT PUBLICITY ON  
REFUGEES IN US AND PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT  
WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY IN MAKING OUR FELLOW CITIZENS  
UNDERSTAND WHY SO FAR WE CANNOT DO SO.  
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